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ACCORDING TO LOCAL PAPERS, THE PRC IS PLANNING TWO PROJECTS THAT COULD AFFECT IMPORTS OF U S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INTO HONG KONG. ONE IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COLD STORAGE FACILITY AT SHATIN, NEW TERRITORIES, THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1979 OR EARLY 1980. THIS FACILITY WILL ENABLE THE CHINESE TO NOT ONLY INCREASE EXPORTS OF FROZEN OR CHILLED VEGETABLES, FRUITS, EGGS, AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS TO HONG KONG, BUT ALSO WILL PROVIDE STORAGE FOR BETTER DISTRIBUTION. ACCORDING TO LOCAL TRADE SOURCES, INADEQUATE COLD STORAGE IS A MAJOR BOTTLENECK IN THE REGULARITY AND ORDERLY DISTRIBUTION OF U S FOODSTUFFS IN HONG KONG. SECONDLY, THE PRC PLANS TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS IN ADJACENT AREAS FOR EXPORT TO HONG KONG. THE COMBINATION OF INCREASED CHINESE EXPORTS OF FOODSTUFFS AND IMPROVED COLD STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE U S AND OTHER SUPPLIERS OF VEGETABLES, EGGS, POULTRY, AND PORK TO MAINTAIN THEIR CURRENT SHARE OF THE HONG KONG MARKET, LET ALONE COMPETE FOR THE INCREASE THAT IS EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

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